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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 98,429)

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In re the Application of:

Karl W. Hasel and Brian S. Hilbush

Serial No. 09/186,869

Filed: November 4, 1998

For: Method for Indexing and Determining
The Relative Concentration of
Expressed Messenger RNAs

Group Art Unit: 1643

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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In regard to the above identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a. Preliminary Amendment;
 - b. Return Receipt Postcard.
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3. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No.13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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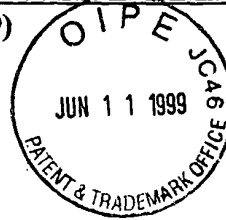
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks for examination on the merits.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 4, lines 4-6: please delete "Primers," Nucl. Acids Res. 18: 7213-7218 (1990) showed that single 10-mer primers of arbitrarily chosen sequences, i.e., any 10-mer primer off the shelf, when used for PCR with complex D".

On page 4, line 24, after "of", please insert ~~Primers,~~ Nucl. Acids Res. 18: 7213-7218 (1990) showed that single 10-mer primers of arbitrarily chosen sequences, i.e., any 10-mer primer off the shelf, when used for PCR with complex DNA --.

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